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Claim 23, line 2, change "a ramp" to --the ramp --.

Claim 24, line 1, change "loading containers on" to --transporting containers by--.

Add the following new claims 25-28:

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25. A method of transporting containers with a marine vessel comprising the steps of:
selecting a plurality of containers adapted to contain and protect freight in a
marine environment;
lifting a container by means of a vehicle;
causing said vehicle to travel over a ramp to a storage deck of a marine vessel,
said ramp and storage deck having sufficient strength to support said vehicle when said vehicle is
transporting a fully loaded one of said containers;
positioning said container at a desired location on said deck by means of said
vehicle;
repeating said lifting, causing and positioning steps for each of said plurality of
containers;
securing said containers to said deck at said locations; and
towing said marine vessel with said containers secured to said deck thereof to a
destination site.

✓ 26. The method of claim 25 further comprising the step of releasing said container from
said vehicle after said positioning step.

✓ 27. The method of claim 16 wherein each container is individually lifted and transported
by said vehicle during said lifting and transporting step.